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2020-11

June 22, 2020

EXECUTIVE ORDER RELATED TO THE CONTINUANCE, MODIFICATION, OR AMENDMENT OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE ORDERS

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, III, declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since the issuance of the executive orders at the state and local level, the State and Town has gradually allowed the re-opening of various venues, businesses, and recreational areas;

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§30-15-12(b) and 30-15-9(e)(13) permit the chief executive officer to "do all other things necessary to effectively cope with disasters in the Town not inconsistent with other provision of law,"

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton is desirous of making modifications to previously issued local executive orders in accordance with Paragraph 10 of Executive Order 2020-10 dated March 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Hilton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Tiverton Town Council, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Tiverton, do hereby amend, modify, or repeal the following executive orders as set forth below:

Executive Order 2020-01 and Executive Order 2020-02:

The suspension of Tiverton Municipal and Probate Court is repealed in its entirety. The municipal and probate courts are encouraged to limit access and schedule hearings by appointments or via electronic/virtual means and to comply with all Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) guidelines as well as any guidance issued from the Rhode Island Judiciary. (Repeals paragraphs 3 of Executive Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02)

The Tiverton Public Library may resume operations consistent with any and all guidance and limitations as set forth by the RIDOH, CDC Guidelines, and any executive orders issues by the Governor. (Repeals paragraph 4 of Executive Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02)

The Tiverton Senior Center may resume operations consistent with any and all guidance and limitations as set forth by the RIDOH, CDC Guidelines, and the Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs and any executive orders or "Phase In" plans issued by the Governor. Prior to said opening, the Director of the Senior Center shall submit an operational plan to the Town Administrator for his approval. (Repeals paragraph 4 of Executive Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02)

All previous limitations related to the operation of bars, restaurants, social clubs, places of religious worship and the issuance of entertainment licenses are repealed. Such establishments are required to adhere to all limitations as set forth by the Rhode Island Department of Health, the Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation, CDC guidelines and any directives from the Governor as part of the state "Phase In" re-openings. (Repeals paragraph 5 and 6 of Executive Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02).

All social gatherings are limited to 15 people, and any further increase or decrease in the number shall automatically follow the limits for indoor or outdoor gatherings as set forth by the State of Rhode Island as part of its "Phase In" re-opening. (Repeals paragraphs 6 of Executive Order 2020-01 and 2020-02).

Paragraphs 7, 8, & 9 of Executive Order 2020-01 and 2020-02 related to non-essential town business, restrictions of in person activities at town hall by appointments, public visits shall remain in effect.

Executive Order 2020-03 and 2020-04 concerning the sale of food and alcoholic beverages is repealed in its entirety, and any such establishment previously governed by the order shall comply with all requirements and restrictions as issued by the RIDOH, RIDBR, and the Phase In re-opening requirement as promulgated by the State of Rhode Island.

Executive Order 2020-05 related to the immediate closure of certain business as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 are repealed. Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 as they related to social distancing, signage, cleaning, and sick employees shall remain in effect until such time they are modified or repealed by the Phase In reopening guidelines as issued by the State of Rhode Island.

Executive Order 2020-06 related to self-quarantine for certain categories of persons is repealed in its entirety. Any person who may have tested positive for COVID-19 or come into close contact with a person(s) shall abide by any and all guidelines and directive of the Rhode Island Department of Health, CDC, or any other responsible entity and medical professional.

Executive Order 2020-08 related to open burning is repealed.

All Tiverton Residents are encouraged to visit and guide their future activities in accordance with the guidance as found in www.reopeningri.com.

So Ordered:

Title: Town Council President, Town of Tiverton

Date: 6/22/2040

Patricia Hilton